

Symphony-Ballet Performance Rated Excellent by Reviewer

Last Friday evening the Civic Symphony Orchestra gave an excellent program to a packed house at Redondo High School auditorium. Their conductor, Elyse Aehle, inspired them with her vivacious interpretation and the audience showed their appreciation with long and vigorous applause. The weirdly dramatic "Night on Bald Mountain" and the American group of "Dance Tunes" seemed to be favorites. The orchestra's string and brass sections were particularly excellent, the solo parts

being very well played. "It was a fine ending to a successful season. Each concert seemed better than the last, was the consensus expressed among both the audience and the musicians, a tribute to the careful training they received from their conductor.) MY OPINION, also, is that I have not heard a better performance in all of greater Los Angeles. The Dea Rea Ballet, too, was worth going a long way to see. Distinguished by fine tech-

nique and handsome costumes, it brought the best of ballet to our doorstep. However I would have liked to see a more finished finale, with the whole company making their bows and bringing in their ballet master, the music director and the president before the final curtain. This ended so abruptly that the audience was left gasping. A PLEASANT surprise for everyone was the unexpected appearance of Pasty Norman who returned a day before the

concert from a tour with the San Francisco Opera Ballet. She is a prime favorite in the South Bay where she attended high school before she became a featured professional.

An attractive art show beautified the halls and added to the pleasure of the occasion. The community would enjoy more of this type of entertainment. —VERA MILLS

Dr. Don Cole To Speak Here

Dr. Don Cole, associate professor of psychology at Fuller Theological Seminary, will be the guest speaker at the Western Avenue Baptist Church Sunday morning service during the absence of the Rev. Charles Hughes, who is at-

tending the annual American Baptist Convention in Detroit, Mich. Bill Harter, adult Sunday school class instructor, will speak on "Thus Saith the Lord, Consider Thy Ways" Sunday evening.

Skilled Medical Care Needed To Control Psoriasis Cases

By K. H. SUTHERLAND, M.D. County Health Officer

Psoriasis is one of the most common skin diseases, affecting nearly 1,000,000 people in the United States and accounting for about 4 per cent of all skin diseases reported. It is a chronic skin disease of some antiquity, for knowledge of its occurrence goes back as far as the biblical era. The cause of the disease is still unknown and no cure for it has yet been found. Fortunately, however, psor-

is can generally be controlled by present-day therapy, and as a rule, the earlier treatment is started after the condition first appears, the easier it is to control.

THIS SKIN disease may occasionally be widespread over the body, but in most cases the lesions or scaly patches have a tendency to appear initially over the knees or elbows, scalp, fingernails, the lower back, shoulder blades, or other areas where the bones are nearest the surface. Psoriasis lesions differ greatly in size, shape, and appearance, but regardless of such variations they are all covered with a thick, rather dry, silvery (mica-like) scale that is thickest in the center of the lesion. The scale very often does not cover the entire lesion, so it is frequently ringed with a border of inflamed skin. When the scale is removed, which must be done when local medication is applied, tiny bleeding points may be observed over the surface of the affected area. Itching does not usually accompany this condition, or is slight.

more than a benign skin condition that comes and goes and that perhaps will eventually go away and appear no more. The result of nontreatment in most, though not all, cases is that each recurrent attack becomes more resistant. As the person gets older, the stage may be reached when the body is seldom free from eruption.

It is important for the person with psoriasis to realize that he has a chronic skin disease which may disappear spontaneously but will just as often recur. It is well known that the disease may result in permanent skin blemishes if allowed to continue untreated or if self-treatment is attempted. But most outbreaks can be cleared up and the disease kept under control if skillful medical care is obtained in the early stages of each attack.

Law In Action

As a rule, he district attorney to win a verdict must prove each point in his complaint against an accused person beyond a reasonable doubt.

But some crimes may "presume" guilt: Thus it is itself a crime to possess narcotics; if an officer finds such drugs concealed in a car or on a person, the law presumes that the defendant knowingly possessed them. Hence, it is up to the accused to explain how they got there, if he can. Otherwise guilty.

SUPPOSE narcotics are concealed during transportation across a national border. The federal law presumes that the owner knew that they are smuggled unless he can prove otherwise. Recently such a driver who crossed the Mexican border claimed that this burden of proof on him violated the presumption that he was not guilty until proved otherwise.

But the court said no: Law makers can make rules from which a court can infer guilt: It is proper in such cases to make the accused show that he knew nothing of the drugs.

ANOTHER law presumes that certain drugs on an unauthorized person are smuggled; and the courts have said that the burden is on the importer to prove he brought them in legally.

California law places a greater burden on offenders who use cars or trucks to deal in narcotics. If drugs are found in their car, the state may seize it from the owner. Again, the state proves its case that the owner knowingly used the car illegally by the fact that the drugs were concealed in it.

SOME "presumptions of guilt" may be unconstitutional. California had a law that said a person who bought or received stolen property from a person under 18 years old (unless in a regular business) was presumed to know it was stolen. This is a crime. The court said this presumption of guilty knowledge placed an unfair burden on the accused to explain. In civil cases presumptions often arise once certain facts are shown. From them there may be civil penalties. Thus, when your net worth greatly increases over your income, the tax man may presume that you did not report all your income.

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